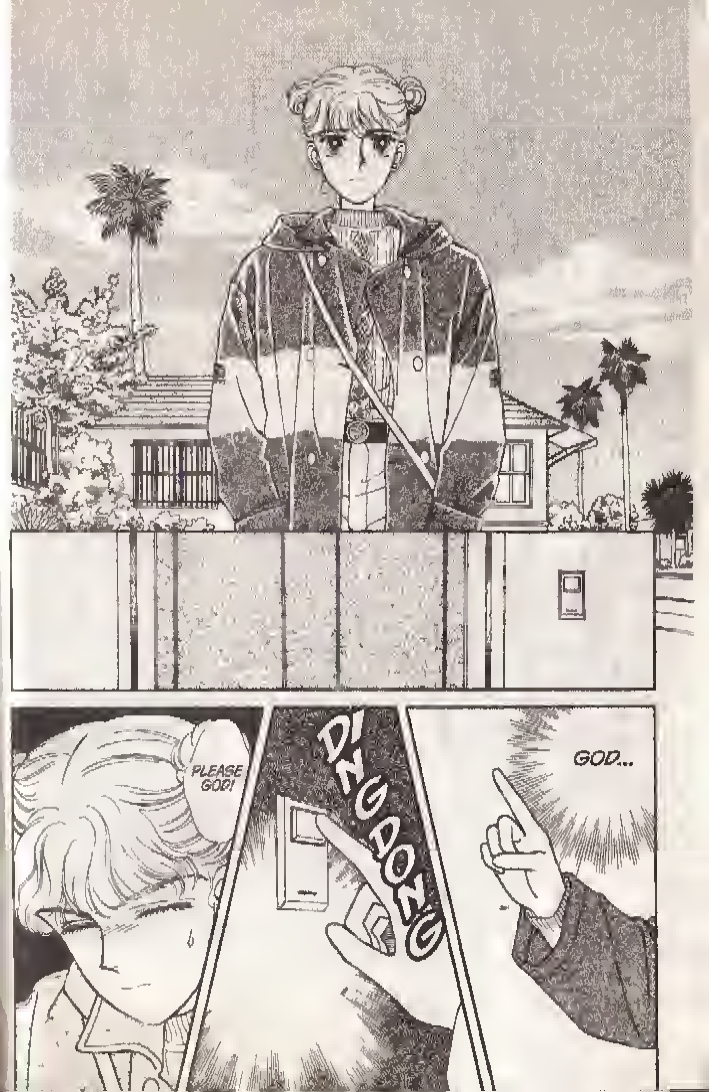
CIPHER

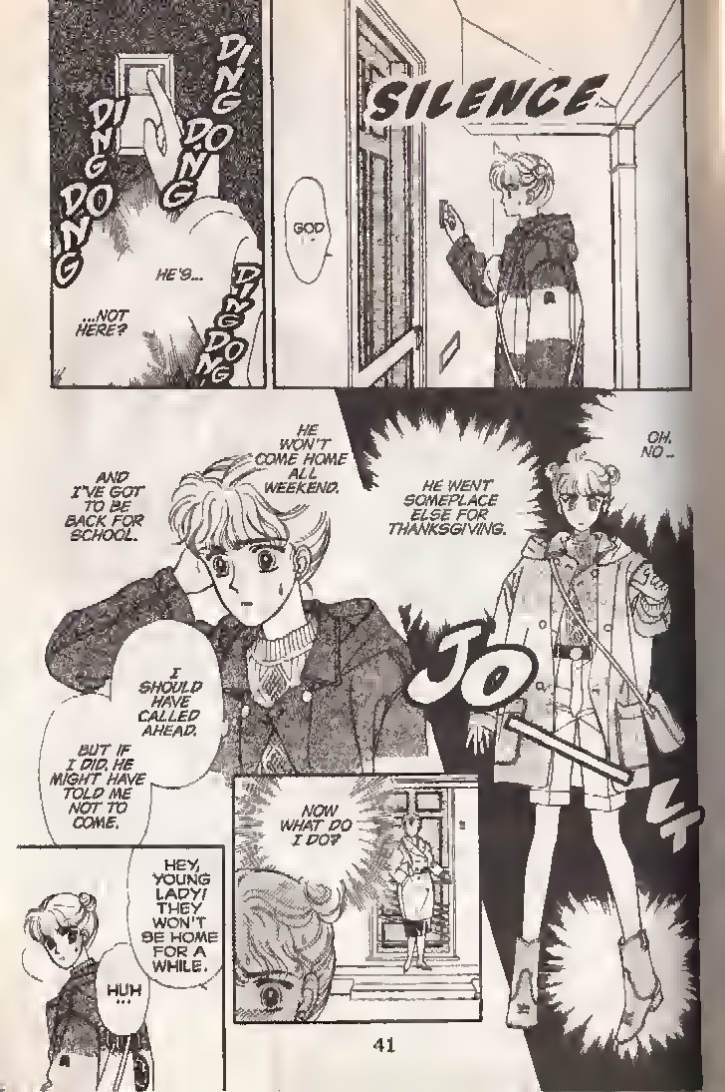
Scene 12: PREPARATION

I WONDER IF GRANDMA WILL LET ME USE HER PLACE AGAIN.
WE'LL BE CROSSING PATHS, SINCE SHE'S COMING HERE FOR THANKSGIVING, ISN'T SHE?
WHAT?! YOU'RE GOING TO L.A. AGAIN?
ON THANKS-GIVING?!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU THESE DAYS?!
OF COURSE SHE'S COMING! IT'S THANKS-GIVING!
GULP
THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH ROY, DOESN'T IT?
DIDN'T YOU VISIT HIM JUST THIS SUMMER?!
ROB AND I TALKED ABOUT IT! IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE ANYTHING ELSE!
WH-WHAT? HOW DID YOU--?
SO THAT IS IT, ISN'T IT?!

I'M SEARCHING FOR CIPHER.
I DIDN'T EVEN SEE HIM ONCE! THAT WAS DIFFERENT!
WELL ...
IT'S SORT OF LIKE, IF YOU HAVE HOPE, YOU SHOULD GO FOR IT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
"IF THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE, IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT THEY FIGHT."
hmph
Then there's no way she can try to stop him.
PLEASE DON'T STOP ME. IT GIVES ME SOMETHING TO LIVE FOR.
YOU SHOULD GO FOR IT TOO, JESSICA.

"BUT THAT'S OKAY.
"IT ALSO MEANS YOU CAN DO THE OPPOSITE."


PLEASE GOD!
DING DONG
GOD...


DING DONG
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HE'S...
...NOT HERE?
DING DONG
SILENCE
GOD
OH, NO..
HE WENT SOMEPLACE ELSE FOR THANKSGIVING.
HE WON'T COME HOME ALL WEEKEND.
AND I'VE GOT TO BE BACK FOR SCHOOL.
I SHOULD HAVE CALLED AHEAD.
BUT IF I DID, HE MIGHT HAVE TOLD ME NOT TO COME.
JO
NOW WHAT DO I DO?
HEY, YOUNG LADY! THEY WON'T BE HOME FOR A WHILE.
HUH...

HAL?
.....
I BELIEVE THEY WENT TO HAL'S PARENTS. IS THIS AN EMERGENCY?
WHOA!
THIS SUCKER'S HUGE!
THANK YOU "FATHER."
GAS
HA! CALL ME THAT ALL YOU WANT!
HA HA HA HA
PAT PAT!!
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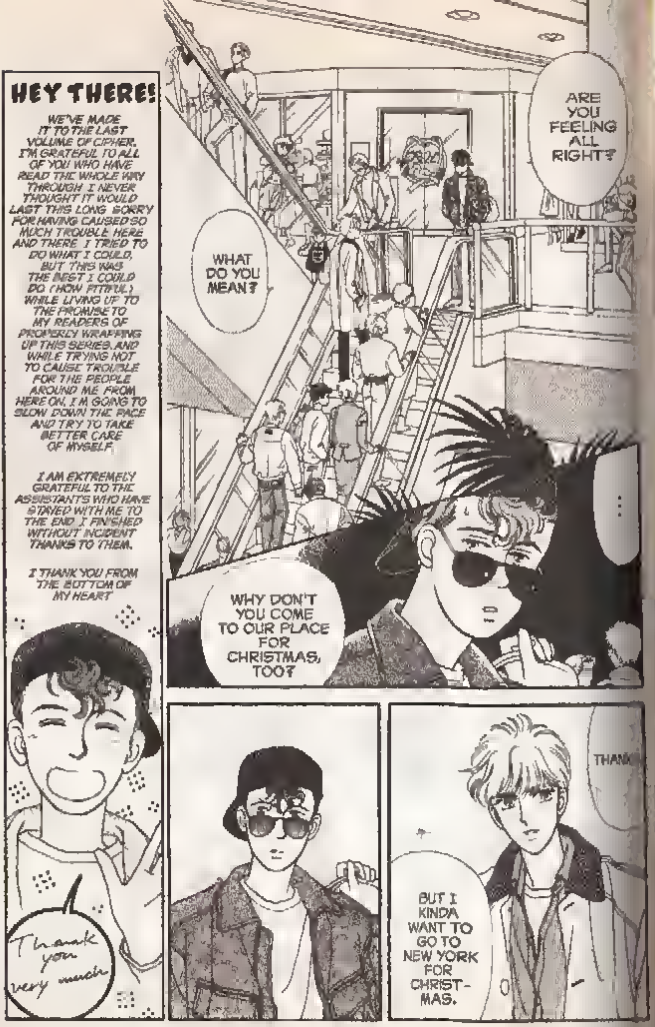
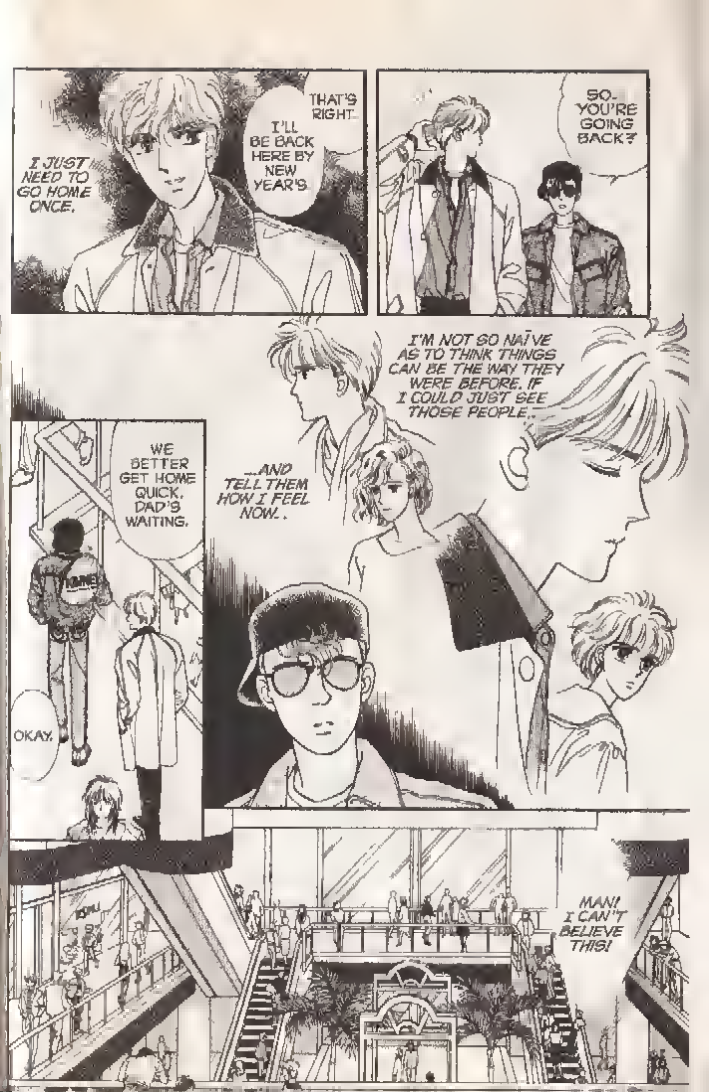
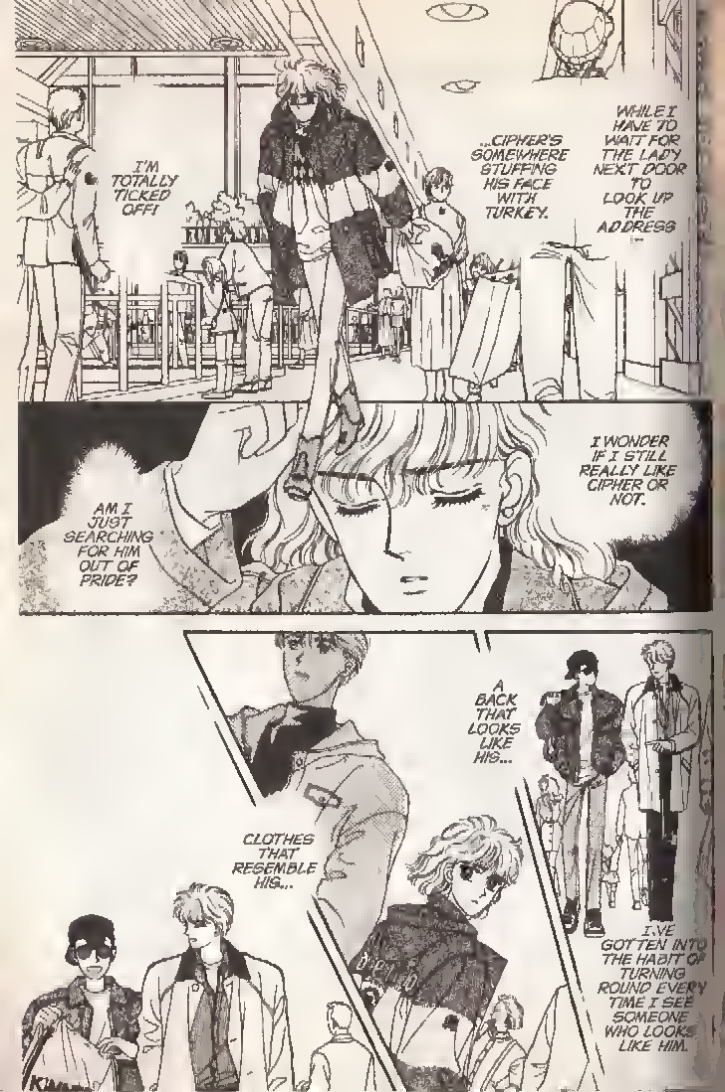
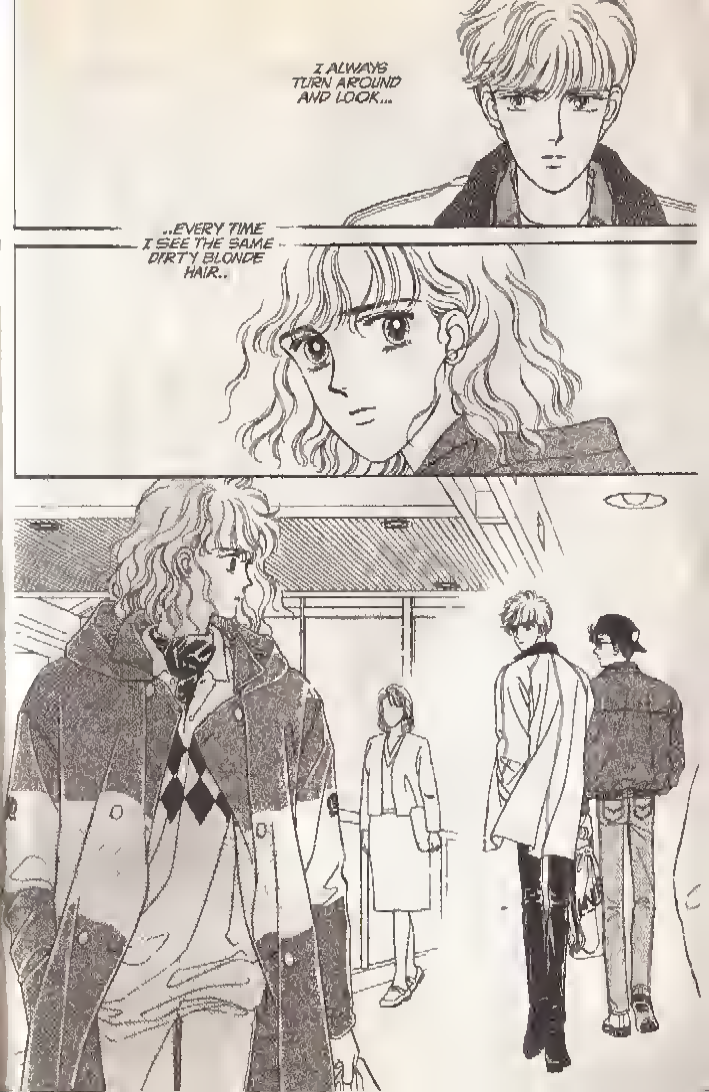
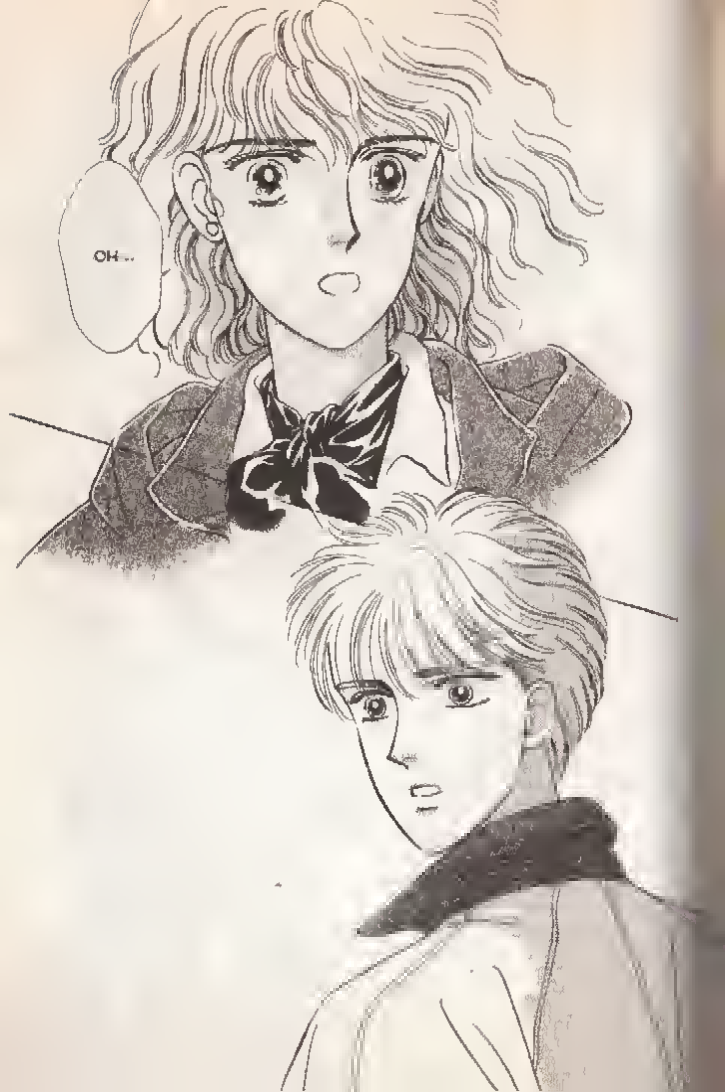
THIS IS YOUR HOME IN L.A., ROY.
WE'VE GOT TWO HUNGRY BOYS TO FEED THIS YEAR.


HEY THERE!
WE'VE MADE IT TO THE LAST VOLUME OF CIPHER. I'M GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE READ THE WHOLE WAY THROUGH. I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD LAST THIS LONG. SORRY FOR HAVING CAUSED SO MUCH TROUBLE HERE AND THERE. I TRIED TO DO WHAT I COULD, BUT THIS WAS THE BEST I COULD DO. (HOW PITIFUL.) WHILE LIVING UP TO THE PROMISE TO MY READERS OF PROPERLY WRAPPING UP THIS SERIES, AND WHILE TRYING NOT TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THE PEOPLE AROUND ME. FROM HERE ON, I'M GOING TO SLOW DOWN THE PACE AND TRY TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF MYSELF.
I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE ASSISTANTS WHO HAVE STAYED WITH ME TO THE END. I FINISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT THANKS TO THEM.
I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
Thank you very much
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHY DON'T YOU COME TO OUR PLACE FOR CHRISTMAS, TOO?
THANK
BUT I KINDA WANT TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR CHRIST-MAS.


I JUST NEED TO GO HOME ONCE.
I'LL BE BACK HERE BY NEW YEAR'S.
THAT'S RIGHT.
SO... YOU'RE GOING BACK?
I'M NOT SO NAÏVE AS TO THINK THINGS CAN BE THE WAY THEY WERE BEFORE. IF I COULD JUST SEE THOSE PEOPLE...
...AND TELL THEM HOW I FEEL NOW...
WE BETTER GET HOME QUICK. DAD'S WAITING.
OKAY.
MAN! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!


I'M TOTALLY TICKED OFF!
...CIPHER'S SOMEWHERE STUFFING HIS FACE WITH TURKEY.
WHILE I HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE LADY NEXT DOOR TO LOOK UP THE ADDRESS
I WONDER IF I STILL REALLY LIKE CIPHER OR NOT.
AM I JUST SEARCHING FOR HIM OUT OF PRIDE?
A BACK THAT LOOKS LIKE HIS...
CLOTHES THAT RESEMBLE HIS...
I'VE GOTTEN INTO THE HABIT OF TURNING ROUND EVERY TIME I SEE SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE HIM.


I ALWAYS TURN AROUND AND LOOK...
..EVERY TIME I SEE THE SAME DIRTY BLONDE HAIR..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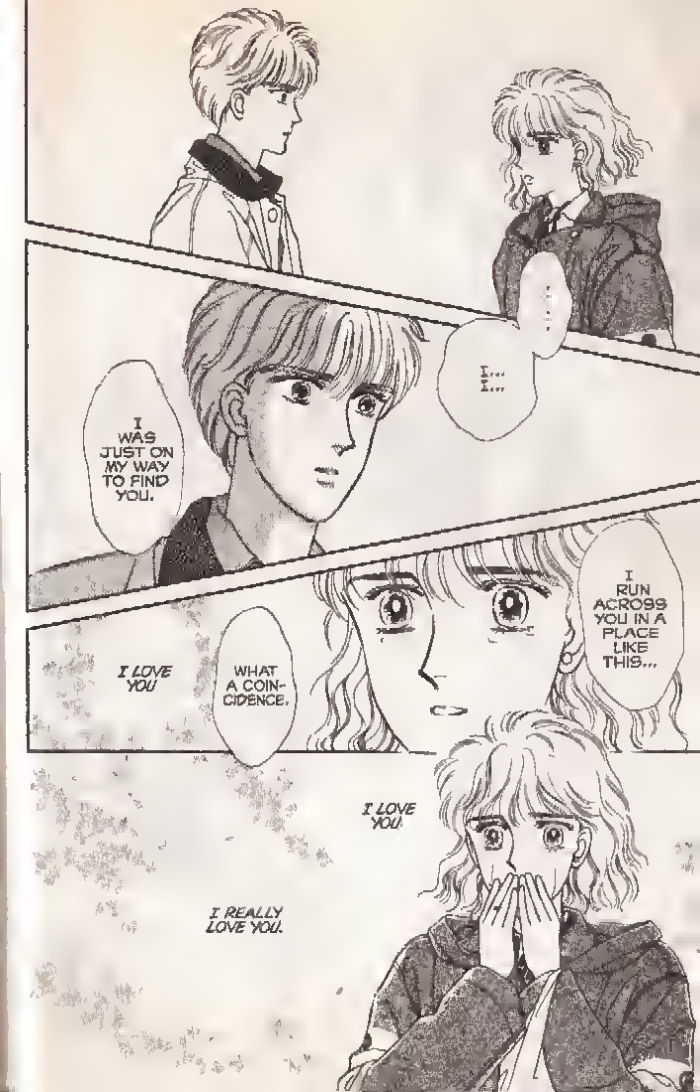
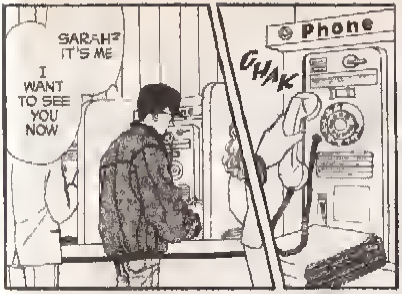
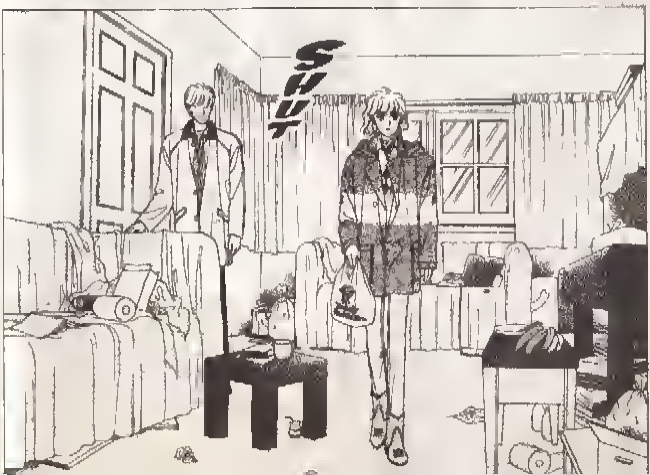

I...
I...
I WAS JUST ON MY WAY TO FIND YOU.
I RUN ACROSS YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
WHAT A COIN-CIDENCE.
I LOVE YOU
I LOVE YOU.
I REALLY LOVE YOU.

!
THE GIRL FROM NEW YORK
WOW!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE STARING. TAKE HER BACK TO OUR PLACE.
HAL.
I'VE GOTTA DROP BY MY PARENTS' HOUSE YOU STAY WITH HER.
GOOD LUCK.
THERE HE GOES
HAL .. THE CAR...
YOU TAKE IT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME I'LL HAVE THEM COME PICK ME UP.


SARAH? IT'S ME
I WANT TO SEE YOU NOW
Phone
CHAK

PLEASE
COME GET ME.

THAT'S IT.
AFTER CHRISTMAS, HE WON'T COME BACK.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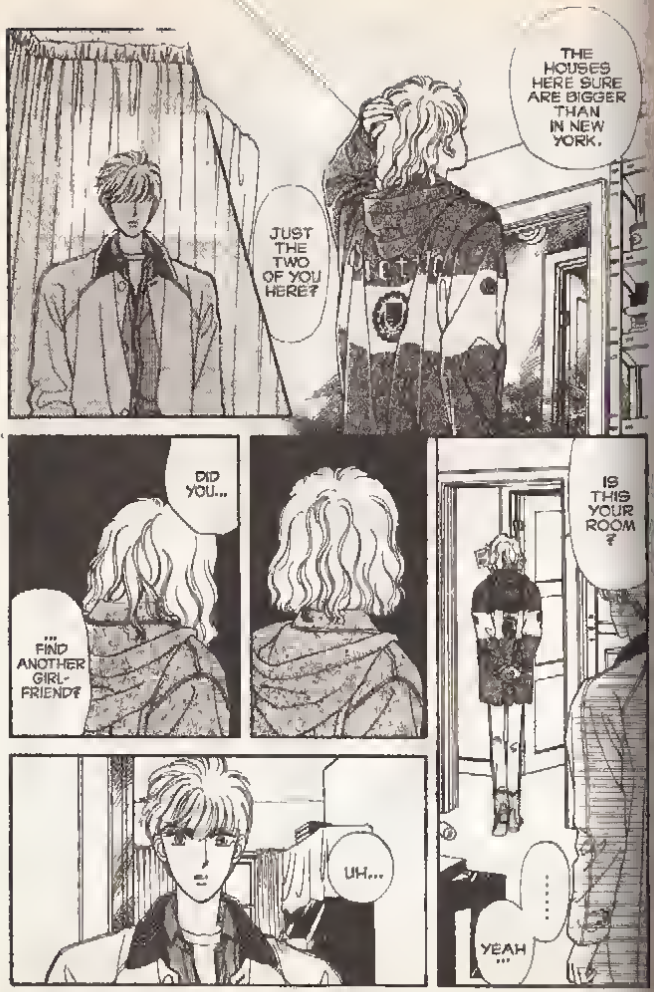
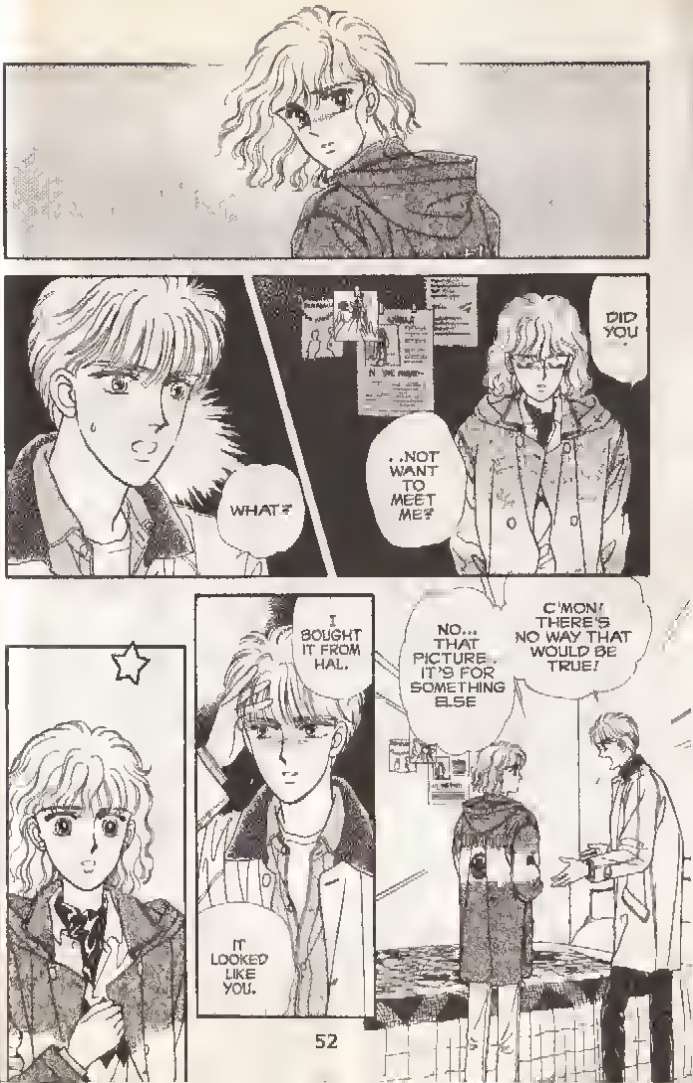
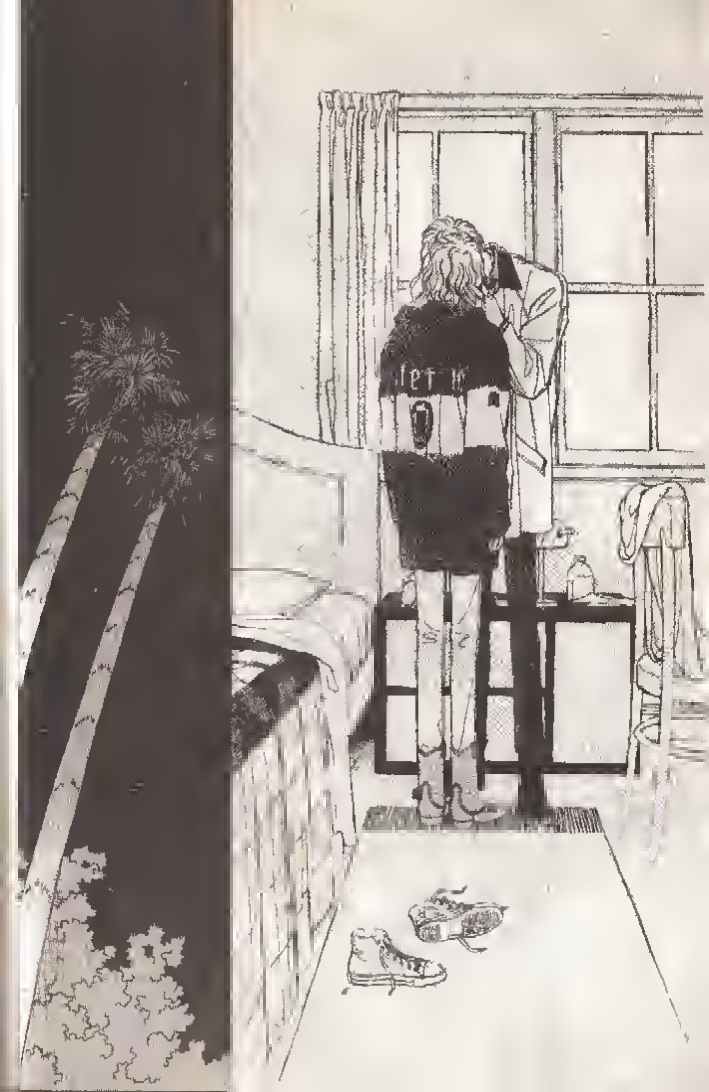
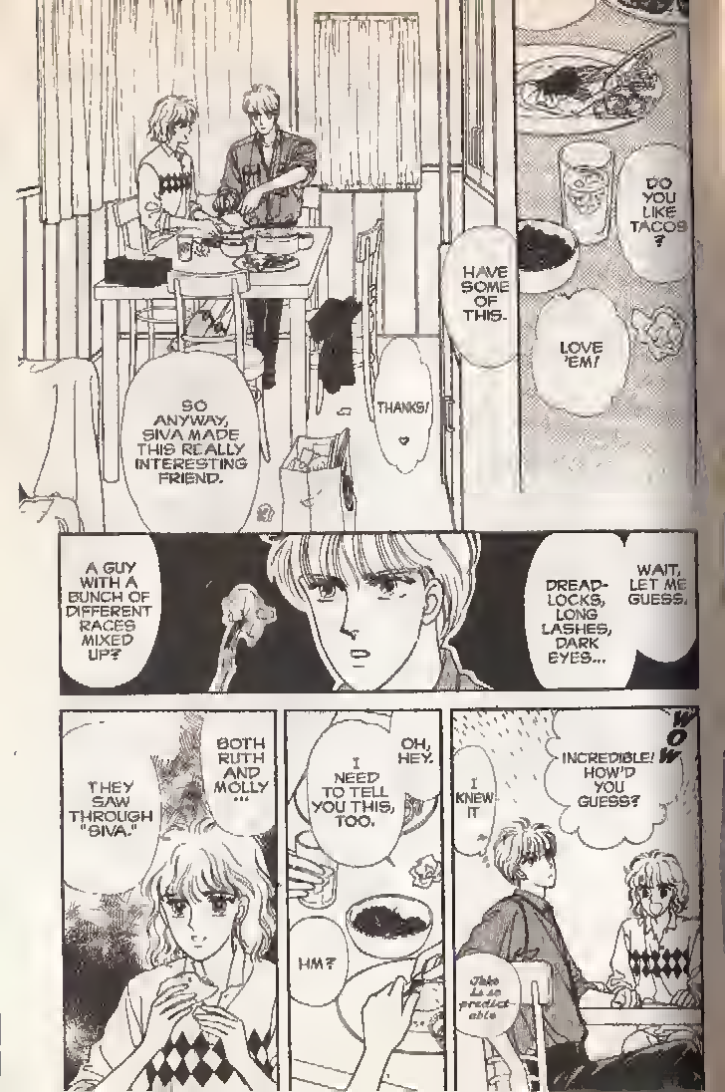

THE HOUSES HERE SURE ARE BIGGER THAN IN NEW YORK.
JUST THE TWO OF YOU HERE?
DID YOU...
...FIND ANOTHER GIRL-FRIEND?
IS THIS YOUR ROOM?
YEAH...
.....
UH...

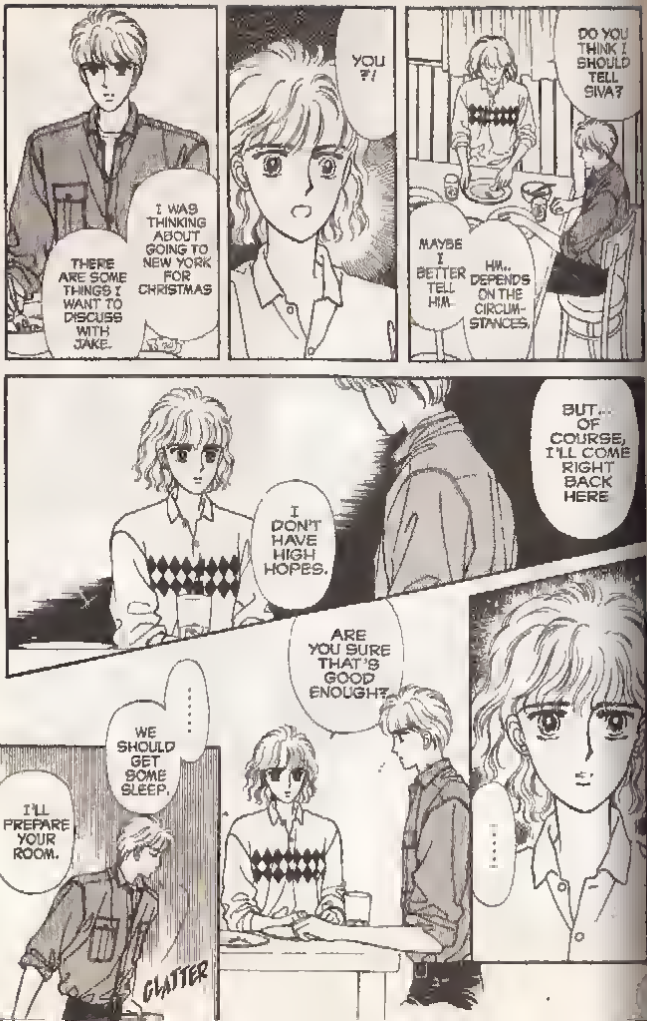

WHAT?
..NOT WANT TO MEET ME?
DID YOU
I BOUGHT IT FROM HAL.
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU.
NO... THAT PICTURE... IT'S FOR SOMETHING ELSE
C'MON! THERE'S NO WAY THAT WOULD BE TRUE!

.....
HUH?
NO, IT DOESN'T.
WELL, IT DOES TO ME!
YUCK
...



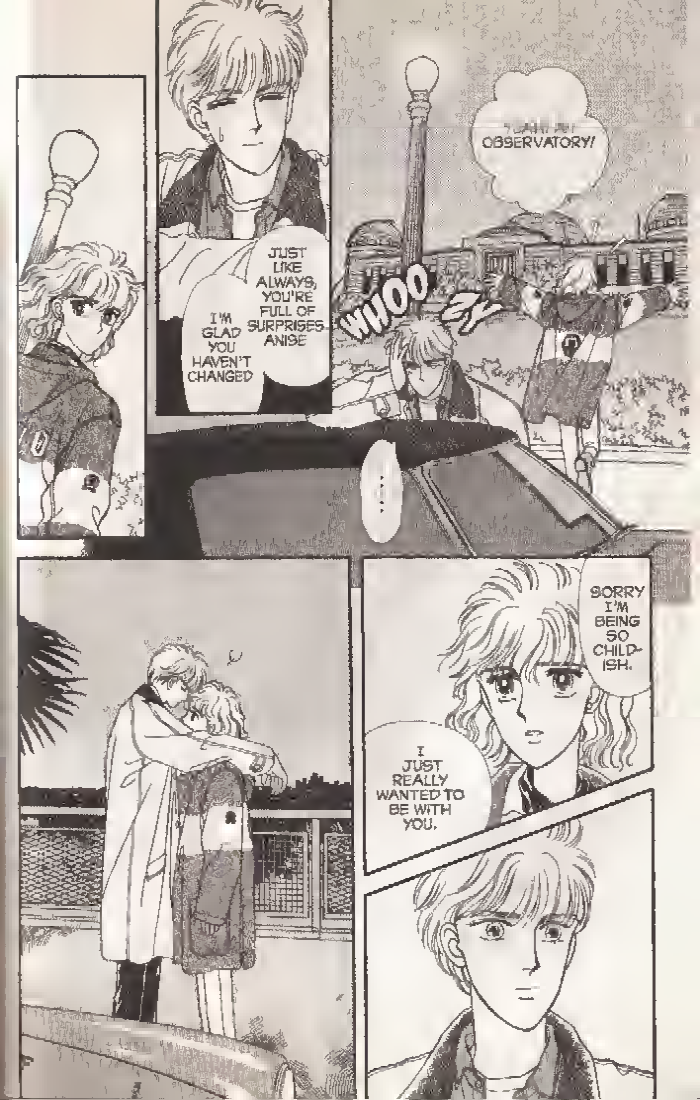

SO ANYWAY, SIVA MADE THIS REALLY INTERESTING FRIEND.
THANKS!
HAVE SOME OF THIS.
DO YOU LIKE TACOS?
LOVE 'EM!
A GUY WITH A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT RACES MIXED UP?
DREAD-LOCKS, LONG LASHES, DARK EYES...
WAIT, LET ME GUESS.
THEY SAW THROUGH "SIVA."
BOTH RUTH AND MOLLY ...
OH, HEY.
I NEED TO TELL YOU THIS, TOO.
HM?
I KNEW IT
INCREDIBLE! HOW'D YOU GUESS?
WOW
This is so predictable

SHE'S THE ONE WHO FOUND YOU HERE.
YOUR AGENT IN NEW YORK, TOO.
IT'S KINDA.. STRANGE.
I'M HAPPY
.....
DON'T WORRY. I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE ELSE.
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?


THERE ARE SOME THINGS I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH JAKE.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT GOING TO NEW YORK FOR CHRISTMAS
YOU ?!
DO YOU THINK I SHOULD TELL SIVA?
HM.. DEPENDS ON THE CIRCUM-STANCES.
MAYBE I BETTER TELL HIM.
BUT... OF COURSE, I'LL COME RIGHT BACK HERE
I DON'T HAVE HIGH HOPES.
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH?
.....
WE SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP.
I'LL PREPARE YOUR ROOM.
CLATTER

CIPHER, WAIT!
WAIT!
HOW CAN I SLEEP WHEN I FINALLY FOUND YOU?!
WHAT?! NO!
IF YOU DON'T GET SOME SLEEP BEFORE YOU GO BACK TO NEW YORK, YOU'LL MISS SCHOOL.
YES!
THEN YOU SLEEP WITH ME.
Must have hung up.
?
ANISE! LOCK UP AND GO TO BED.
SILENCE
THE PHONE'S RINGING!
HAL?

HEY, CAN YOU DRIVE US TO AN OBSERVATORY?
WHOA!
THE FREEWAY!
WHERE SHOULD I GO? MARK'S IN A DORM, AND JOSE'
SCREECH
GAAH!!
DRIVING AT NIGHT SURE IS FUN!
BWAHAHA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
laughing out of desperation...
A-ANISE
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE DRIVING! LOOK OUT!

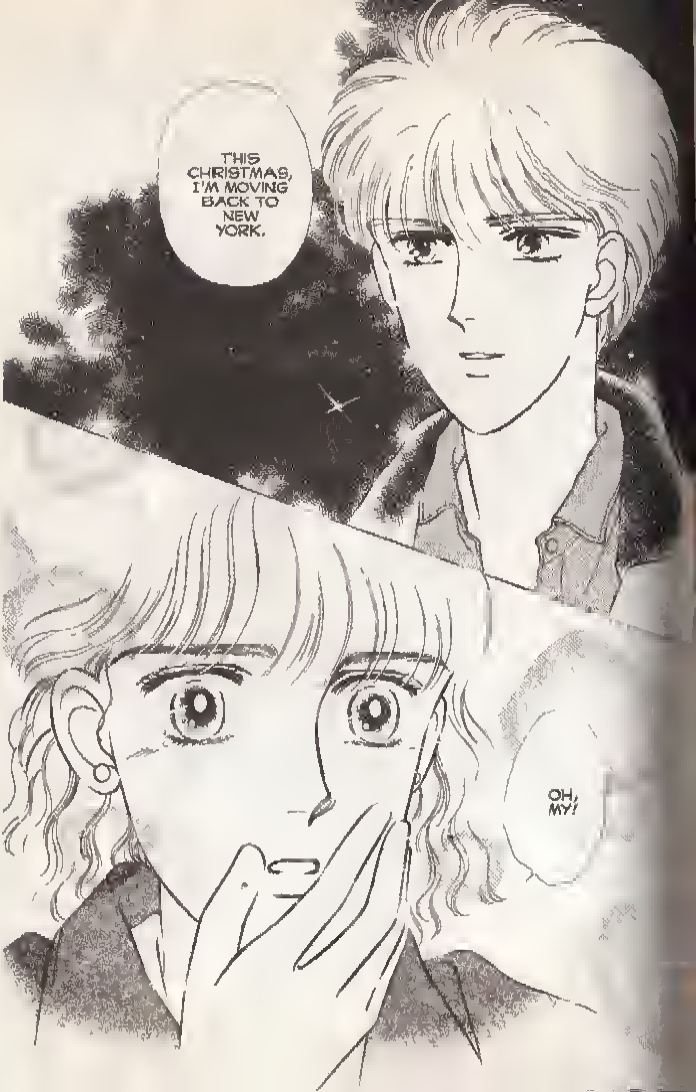

I'M GLAD YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED
JUST LIKE ALWAYS, YOU'RE FULL OF SURPRISES ANISE
OBSERVATORY!
WHOOSH
...
SORRY I'M BEING SO CHILDISH.
I JUST REALLY WANTED TO BE WITH YOU.

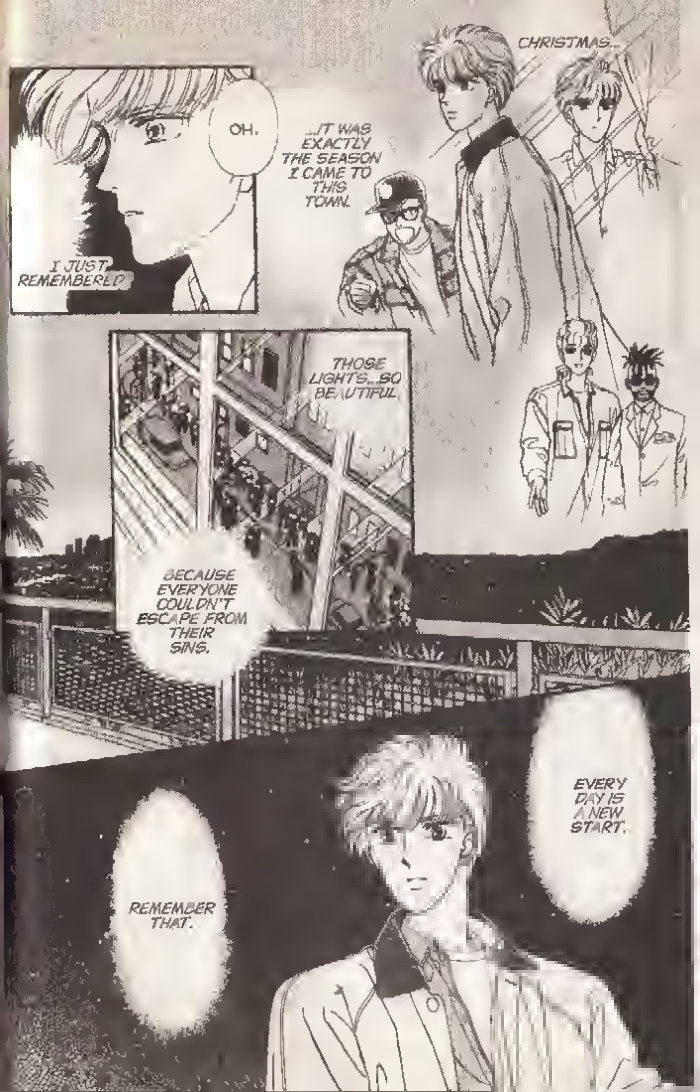
IT'S OKAY.
ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO BE WITH YOU, TOO.
YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT SIVA, WEREN'T YOU?
.....
THANKS FOR SAYING YOU WANTED TO BE WITH ME.
THAT'S ALL I NEEDED TO HEAR.

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR CIPHER.
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY HARD FOR HER...
...TO HOLD ONTO HER FEELINGS ALL THIS TIME.
SHE MUST HAVE HAD TO GO THROUGH SO MUCH...
THIS GIRL...
...CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO SAY THIS?

ANISE
...TO MAKE IT HERE
CIPHER ?
STAY WITH ME.
HUH?

YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO MOVE TO L.A.?
HA HA. NO
GRIN
I'M GONNA TRY TO MAKE JAKE UNDERSTAND.
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU, ANISE.


THIS CHRISTMAS, I'M MOVING BACK TO NEW YORK.
OH, MY!


I JUST REMEMBERED!
OH.
...IT WAS EXACTLY THE SEASON I CAME TO THIS TOWN.
CHRISTMAS...
THOSE LIGHTS...SO BEAUTIFUL.
BECAUSE EVERYONE COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM THEIR SINS.
REMEMBER THAT.
EVERY DAY IS A NEW START.

THIS IS...
...AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL NIGHT.

GIVE ME
MUSIC